

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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JAY R. BARNES, On Behalf of Himself And :
All Others Similarly Situated, :
 : No.: 08 CV 6680
Plaintiff, :
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-against- :
 : JUDGE ZAGEL
GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC., : MAGISTRATE JUDGE DENLOW
JOHN L. BUCKSBAUM, ALAN COHEN, :
ANTHONY DOWNS, BERNARD FREIBAUM, :
ADAM METZ, ROBERT A. MICHAELS, :
THOMAS H. NOLAN, JR., JOHN RIORDAN, :
BETH STEWART, and JOHN DOES 1-20, :
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Defendants. :
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NATHAN B. ZABLE, On Behalf of Himself And :
All Others Similarly Situated, :
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Plaintiff, :
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-against- :
 : No.: 08 CV 6791
GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC., :
JOHN L. BUCKSBAUM, ALAN COHEN, :
ANTHONY DOWNS, BERNARD : JUDGE BUCKLO
FREIBAUM, ADAM METZ, ROBERT A. : MAGISTRATE JUDGE KEYS
MICHAELS, THOMAS H. NOLAN, JR., JOHN :
RIORDAN, BETH STEWART, and JOHN :
DOES 1-20, :
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Defendants. :
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LARRY STETKA, Individually and On	:
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
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-against-	:
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GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.,	:
JOHN L. BUCKSBAUM, ADAM METZ,	:
THOMAS H. NOLAN, JR. ANTHONY	:
DOWNES, BETH STEWART, ALAN COHEN,	:
JOHN RIORDAN, BERNARD FREIBAUM,	:
ROBERT A. MICHAELS, and JOHN DOES 1-10,	:
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Defendants.	:
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DANA KAMINSKE, individually and on behalf	:
of all others similarly situated,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
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-against-	:
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GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.,	:
GGP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,	:
JOHN BUCKSBAUM, MATHEW BUCKSBAUM,	:
ROBERT A. MICHAELS, ADAM METZ,	:
THOMAS NOLAN, JR., JOHN RIORDAN, ALAN	:
COHEN, ANTHONY DOWNES, BERNARD	:
FREIBAUM, BETH STEWART,	:
GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.	:
401(K) SAVINGS PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE	:
COMMITTEE, CHARLES	:
LHOTKA AND JOHN DOES 1-10,	:
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Defendants.	:
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No.: 08 CV 6916

JUDGE SHADUR
MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALDEZ

No.: 09 CV 0084

JUDGE ANDERSEN
MAGISTRATE JUDGE DENLOW

**MOTION FOR ENTRY OF [PROPOSED] PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1
CONSOLIDATING THE ERISA ACTIONS AND
APPOINTING INTERIM LEAD COUNSEL AND INTERIM LIAISON COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g) and 42(a), plaintiff Dana Kaminske, through her undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Court for entry of the [Proposed] Pretrial Order No. 1 consolidating the above-captioned actions (the “ERISA Actions”), and appointing Interim Lead Counsel and Interim Liaison Counsel (the “Proposed pretrial Order”). In support of her motion, plaintiff states as follows:

The Plaintiffs in the above-captioned actions (the “Plaintiffs”) filed their respective complaints against General Growth Properties, Inc. (“General Growth”) and certain officers and directors of the Company, as well as other fiduciaries of the General Growth Properties, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the “Plan”) under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), 29 U.S.C. § 1132.¹ Plaintiffs filed the ERISA Actions individually and on behalf of a class of all persons who were participants in or beneficiaries of the Plan during a defined period through and including the present. Plaintiff is not aware of any other ERISA actions, other than those above-captioned, arising out of the same operative facts pending in this or any other judicial district.

In their complaints, Plaintiffs similarly allege that defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs and other members of the purported class in connection with the Plan’s investment in General Growth stock, including, *inter alia*, by failing to monitor properly General Growth stock as a Plan retirement investment alternative and failing to advise plaintiffs and members of the class that General Growth stock was an imprudent retirement investment alternative, due to General Growth’s substantial debt and its inability to obtain the financing necessary to refinance such debt.

The ERISA Actions seek relief pursuant to Sections 409 and 502(a)(2) and (3) of ERISA,

¹ Plaintiffs in the ERISA Actions filed their complaints on November 20, 2008, November 25, 2008, December 3, 2008, and January 7, 2009, respectively.

29 U.S.C. §§ 409 and 1132(a)(2) and (3), on behalf of the Plan, alleging, *inter alia*, that defendants are responsible for restoring losses sustained by the Plan as a result of defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties.

Because the ERISA Actions contain similar allegations and seek similar relief on behalf of a class (*i.e.* participants in and beneficiaries of the Plan), it is appropriate, in accordance with Rules 23(g) and 42(a) of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the *Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth Edition* (2004), for the Court to enter an Order setting forth procedures for the efficient management of this action, and appointing a leadership structure of Interim Lead Counsel and Interim Liaison Counsel.

In accordance with the recommendations of Rules 23(g) and 42(a) and the *Manual*, Plaintiffs submit for the Court's consideration a proposed form of Pretrial Order No. 1 which provides for: (1) consolidation of the above-captioned actions and actions subsequently filed in or transferred to this District; (2) designation of a Master File Docket number; (3) establishment of efficient procedures for the filing and docketing of papers with the Clerk of this Court; (4) appointment of Robert I. Harwood of Harwood Feffer LLP as Interim Lead Counsel; (5) appointment of Marvin A. Miller of Miller Law LLC as Interim Liaison Counsel; and (6) a preliminary schedule for these proceedings.

This Motion is based on the enclosed [Proposed] Pretrial Order No. 1, the accompanying Memorandum of Law, Declaration of Robert I. Harwood, and all papers and pleadings in the ERISA Actions.

Dated: January 20, 2009

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